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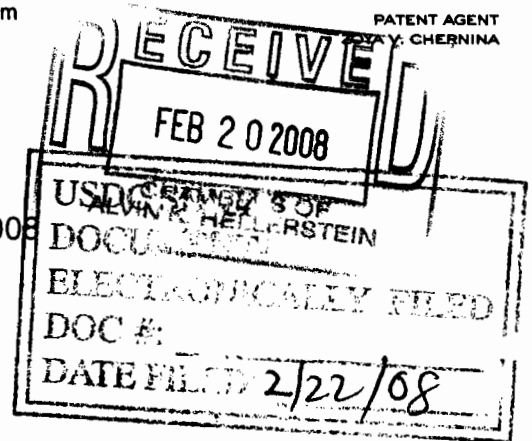
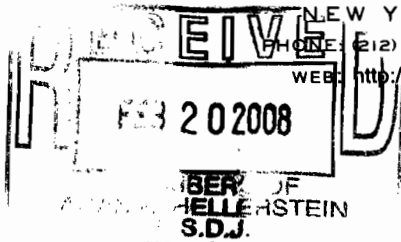
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February 15, 2008

Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1050
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: Laurice El Badry Rahme Ltd. d/b/a Laurice & Co v. Federal
Insurance Company
07 CV 11030 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

We represent Plaintiff Laurice El Badry Rahme Ltd. d/b/a Laurice & Co. in the above referenced case. We write this joint letter with counsel for Defendant Federal Insurance Company to request that Your Honor schedule a settlement conference or refer the parties to a Magistrate for the purpose of settlement discussions.

Earlier this week, counsel for the parties participated in a phone conference pursuant to FRCP 26(f). Counsel agreed during such conference that this case had the potential for settlement and that the most efficient course would be to participate in a settlement conference either before Your Honor or a Magistrate Judge prior to engaging in costly discovery. Accordingly, the parties now jointly request that Your Honor either schedule a settlement conference with the Court or refer this case to a Magistrate for the purpose of settlement.

Respectfully submitted,
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Respectfully referred to Hon. R.L. Ellis, USMS, for settlement.
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